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Dear Jeff

PM 1319 New Zealand - Divisional Application No. 240998 (Divided from No.230008)
Our File: 30589A

Our New Zealand associate has reported the issue of two office actions in that country. The first has already been dealt with but the second requires attention. The overall term for allowance extends until 3rd May 1993.

The first action is that of 6th October 1992 which was concerned essentially with aspects of the applications where the terms of the claims were not identical to those in the disclosure. This was dealt with by a response on 19th October which did not involve any amendment and was therefore not referred to us.

There has now been a further office action on 28th October and we are asked to instruct our associates on items 4. and 8., which are the only items needing positive action. The application should then be in order for acceptance.

Item 4. is concerned with the wording of claim 2 which appears to make at least one additive mandatory, whereas the broad disclosure makes all additives optional. The Examiner's suggestion seems to be acceptable.

Item 8. is concerned only with a typographical error which should obviously be corrected.

I am reporting this action only because it offers a last chance for a review of the case and possible voluntary amendment. If nothing along these lines is intended we could put the application in order very easily.

Yours sincerely

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